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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Friedbauer

Serial No.: 10/648,637

Filing Date: August 25, 2003

For: PATTERNED FELTS FOR BULK
AND VISUAL AESTHETIC
DEVELOPMENT OF A TISSUE
BASESHEET

Examiner: N/A

Group Art Unit No.: N/A

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and

made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

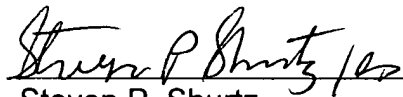
This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/750,407, filed 12/28/2000 and is relied upon for an earlier filing dated under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) only copies of documents not previously cited

and submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the prior application Serial No. 09/750,407 are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

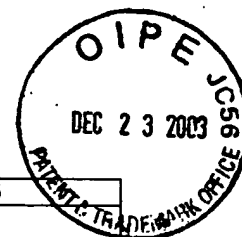
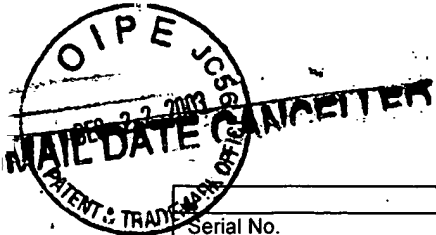
Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal letter (in duplicate), Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate), Form PTO 1449 identifying 56 cited references, copies of references A52 and A53, return postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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